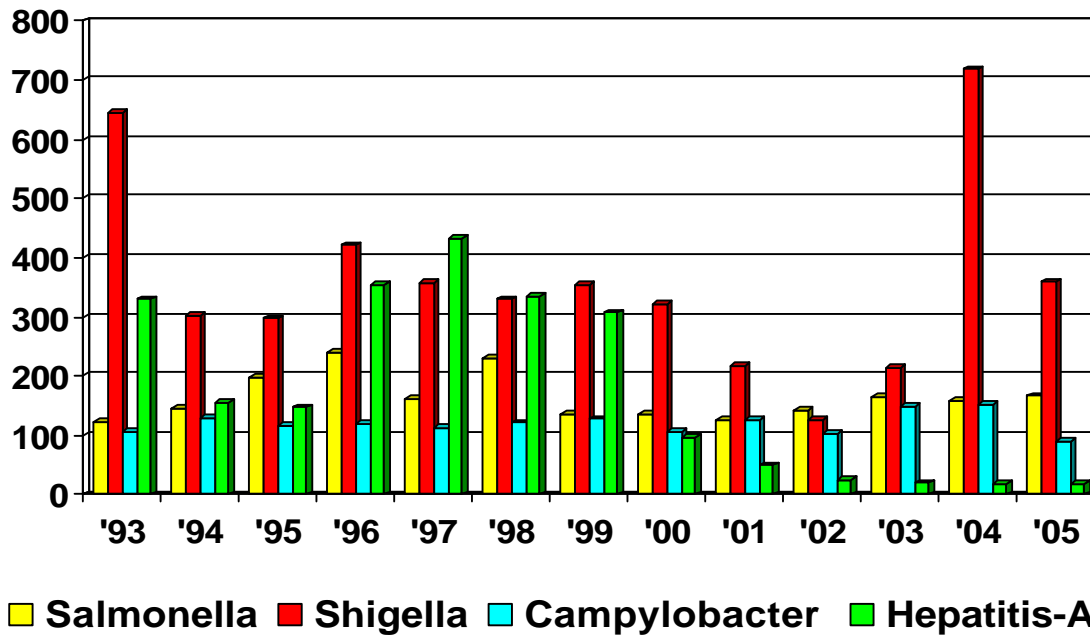
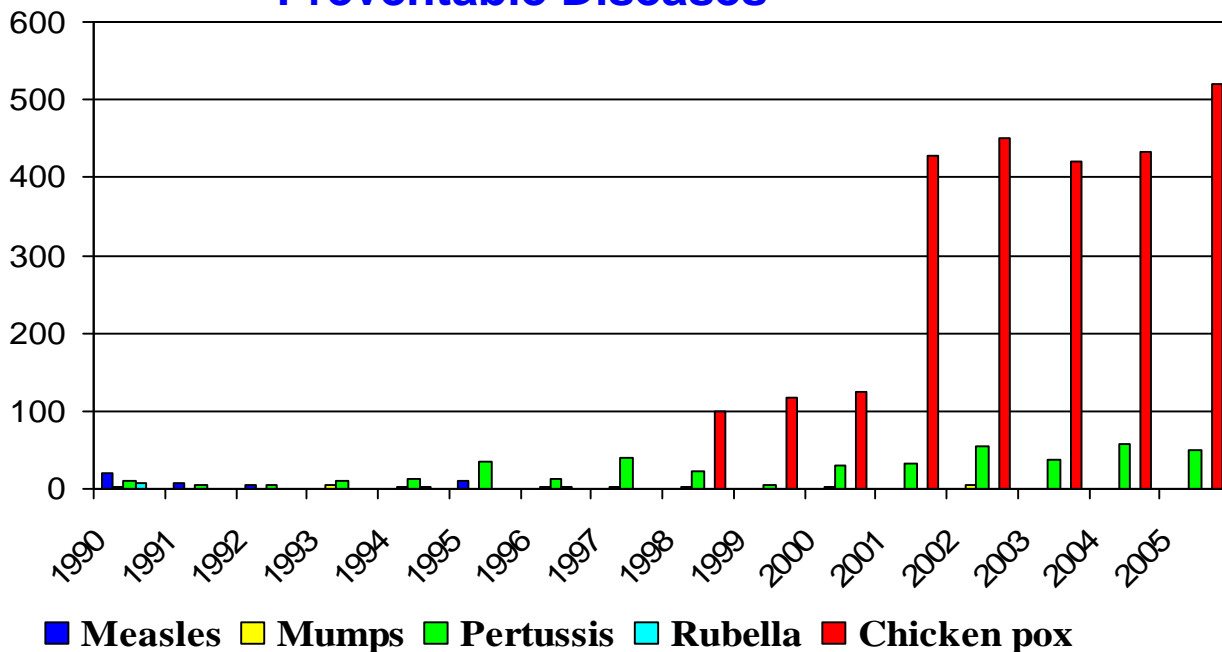


Preventable Diseases



On a very positive note, the impact of the Hepatitis-A vaccine is very noticeable on this graph. While the vaccine was approved and licensed in 1995, voluntary vaccination was offered to selected high-risk population the following year. By 1999-2000 the vaccination of children in high-risk areas of town began to show countywide decrease HAV vaccine became a requirement for school entry in Bexar County in August 2003. Since then 95% of our hepatitis-A cases have been in adults, averaging about 10-20 cases per year, a tremendous decline from previous years of 150-350 cases per year; truly a public health success story.

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